# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

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FM CHANNELS
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a)The Akashwani Kendras where F.M. Channels are operational;

(b) Whether all the sanctioned channels have started functioning;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor alongwith the time by which they are likely to be made functional?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) : At present 161 FM transmitters are operational as per the details given in Annexure-I.

(b) : No Sir.

(c) : Details are in Annexure-I.

(d) : 8 FM transmitters are technically ready but seven of them could not be commissioned as the posts required for Operation and Maintenance could not be sanctioned. In another case of Churachandpur (Manipur), Prasar Bharati is awaiting decision of State Government about the link language.

Apart from the above Prasar Bharati could not acquire new sites for locating transmitters at 90 places. So, these schemes have spilled over to the next plan. Another 49 schemes have been approved recently and action is on for implementation.